

REMARKS

Drawing Objections

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include a reference sign to "12" as mentioned on page 4, line 4 in the description. A proposed drawing correction to Figure 1 has been submitted. The reference to "12" was inadvertently omitted from Figure 1, but Applicant's submit that it's location on the drawing is clear from reading paragraph [0010] of Applicants specification. "Referring to Figure 1, the electrochemical cell 10 comprises a housing 12 that includes therein an anode compartment 14, a cathode compartment 16, and a porous ceramic separator 18 between the anode and cathode compartments...." (See Applicant's specification, paragraph [0010].) Thus, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this proposed drawing correction to Figure 1.

Claim Objections

Claim 3 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5 and 26 were objected to because of informalities. Applicants have canceled claim 5 and have amended claim 26 in accord with the Examiner's suggestions. This amendment was made to correct a typographical error and not for reasons related to patentability. Two occurrences of Claim 26 were inadvertently submitted. The second occurrence of Claim 26 was renumber to read Claim 27.

CONCLUSION

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowable subject matter. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

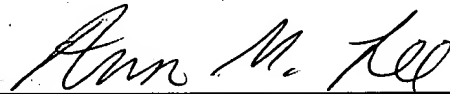
In the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required as a result of this statement, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due to our Deposit account no. 12-0695.

Respectfully submitted,

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